

American Indian and Total Population for Blackfeet Reservation and Related Areas

American Indian Population						
Geography	Census 2000	Estimates 2001	Estimates 2002	Estimates 2003	Estimates 2004	Estimates 2005
Blackfeet Reservation	8,507	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Glacier County	8,186	8,069	8,223	8,319	8,452	8,573
Browning	964	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
East Glacier Park Village CDP*	205	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
North Browning CDP*	2,062	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Browning CDP*	1,583	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Starr School CDP*	241	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pondera County	929	952	943	929	954	986
Heart Butte CDP*	654	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Population						
Geography	Census 2000	Estimates 2001	Estimates 2002	Estimates 2003	Estimates 2004	Estimates 2005
Blackfeet Reservation	10,100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Glacier County	13,247	13,129	13,203	13,291	13,527	13,552
Browning	1,065	1,056	1,061	1,068	1,085	1,078
East Glacier Park Village CDP*	396	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
North Browning CDP*	2,200	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Browning CDP*	1,677	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Starr School CDP*	248	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pondera County	6,424	6,358	6,257	6,193	6,108	6,087
Heart Butte CDP*	698	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

n/a = Not available

*Census designated places (CDPs) are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. CDPs are delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are located. The boundaries usually are defined in cooperation with local and tribal officials. These boundaries, which usually coincide with visible features or the boundary of an adjacent incorporated place or other legal entity boundary, have no legal status, nor do these places have officials elected to serve traditional municipal functions.

Blackfeet Reservation Information

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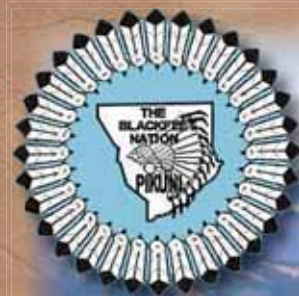


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Blackfeet Reservation

The Blackfeet Reservation, headquartered in Browning, is the third largest reservation in Montana, encompassing 1.5 million acres. It lies along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains on the Canadian border, and is the eastern gateway to Glacier National Park. Home to 56% of the enrolled 16,000 Blackfeet tribal members, the reservation's economy is primarily agriculture based.

The Tribe owns and operates seven profitable tribal farms and ranches and manages the very successful Blackfeet Bison Program. Fifty-six percent of the ag producers are Blackfeet members (Blackfeet Agricultural Department records). The income generated from production is used primarily to support public services and community and cultural events. The Blackfeet Tribal government is the largest employer, providing work to approx. 800, with seasonal injections of up to 150 additional positions. Other major employers include Browning Public Schools (which provides 388 jobs), Siyeh Development Corp (five businesses with 314 staff), Indian Health Service (230), Bureau of Indian Affairs (61), Blackfeet Housing Authority (100), and Blackfeet Community College (81). The newly created gaming establishment Glacier Peaks created 294 jobs when its doors opened in September 2006. The private sector hosts 61 businesses in the community, of which 81% are Indian owned. Teeples IGA provides work for 49 employees, making them the largest private employer in Browning.

The Tribe, in partnership with utility corporations, is embarking upon renewable energy development. With a recent grant from the Department of Energy, a wind farm is in the planning phase. Additionally, collaborative partnerships are pivotal in the development of two new ventures: Manpower (a successful trainer of Indian FEMA emergency response teams) and Glacier County Port Authority (currently in development discussions).

According to the most recent BIA labor force report, 35% of the Tribe's enrolled members are below the age of 18. To attract and retain the Tribe's youthful population, the Blackfeet Community College initiated online services with MSU Northern, UM Missoula, and the University of Great Falls to offer baccalaureate degrees in education (teacher training program) and Native American studies, and Blackfeet bi-lingual training (Indian Education for All compliance). Construction of a new high school is now underway, since receiving \$12 million from the Board of Trustees through their creation of a building reserve fund, mill levy and bond issues.

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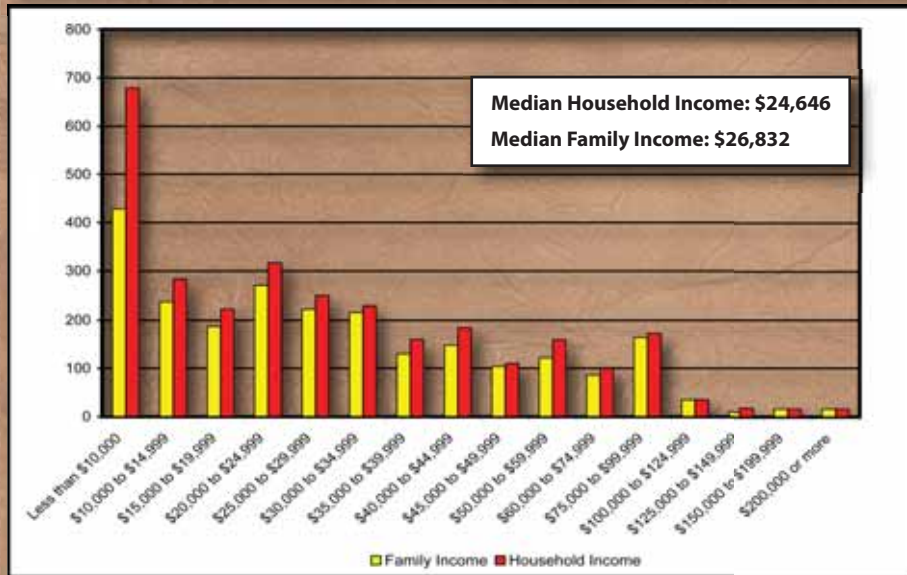
Blackfeet Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2002 Census of Agriculture

	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians
Farms		
Farms: (number)	354	198
Land in farms (acres)	1,602,499	957,487
Average size of farms (acres)	4,527	4,836
Farms by size: (number)		
Less than 1,000 acres	125	86
1,000 acres or more	229	112
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)		
Less than \$100,000	259	175
\$100,000 or more	95	23
Farms by type of organization: (number)		
Family, Individual, Partnership	308	184
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	46	14
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested		
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)		
Cattle and calves	42,318	21,781
Hogs and pigs	17,518	(D)
Sheep and lambs	290	(D)
Horses and ponies	2,995	2,313
Bison	(D)	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	25,934	48
Crops Harvested (acres)		
Corn for grain	-	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	-	-
Wheat for grain, All	113,100	7,582
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	-
Durum wheat for grain	(D)	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	103,032	(D)
Barley for grain	87,349	11,679
Oats for grain	650	180
Sunflower seed, All	-	-
Soybeans for beans	-	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	43,782	18,811
Operator Demographics		
Primary occupation: (number)		
Farming	400	164
Other	184	98
Place of residence: (number)		
On farm operated	470	227
Not on farm operated	114	35
Years on present farm: (number)		
Less than 10 years	141	63
10 years or more	443	199
Age group: (number)		
Under 55 years	360	168
55 years and over	224	94
Average age of operators: (number)	50.7	50.0

(D): Not Disclosable

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

Blackfeet Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



Household Income: This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income.

Family Income: In compiling statistics on family income, the incomes of all members 15 years old and over related to the householder are summed and treated as a single amount.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Blackfeet Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	Total	American Indian
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	24.7%	26.0%
Associate Degree	11.1%	12.2%
Bachelor's Degree	8.0%	5.3%
Master's Degree	4.1%	2.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	Total	American Indian
Owner Occupied	55.2%	54.7%
Renter Occupied	44.8%	45.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Blackfeet Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

The table below provides labor force statistics from three separate sources. The reader will notice some of the numbers are dissimilar, owing to the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Unemployment rates produced by MT Department of Labor
- Labor Force definition
 - Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older
 - The sum of Employment and Unemployment
- Employment definition
 - Did any work as paid employees
 - Worked in their own business, profession, or farm
 - Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise
- Unemployment definition
 - Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week containing the 12th of the month)
 - Available for work
 - Actively seeking a job during last four weeks
- Unemployment Rate definition
 - Equal to the number of Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force

U.S. Census Bureau:

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as BLS
- Self-reported every ten years
- Rate reflects employment status as of April 1st, 2000

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation.
- Labor Force definition
 - Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old
 - Available for work
 - Not disabled or incarcerated
- Employment definition
 - Tribal members working for money
- Unemployment definition
 - Calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force

	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Montana Department of Labor and Industry	2005	4,287	3,631	656	15.3%
U.S. Census Bureau	2000	4,064	3,148	918	22.6%
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	2005	5,478	1,725	3,753	68.5%

Blackfeet Reservation - Occupation by Gender

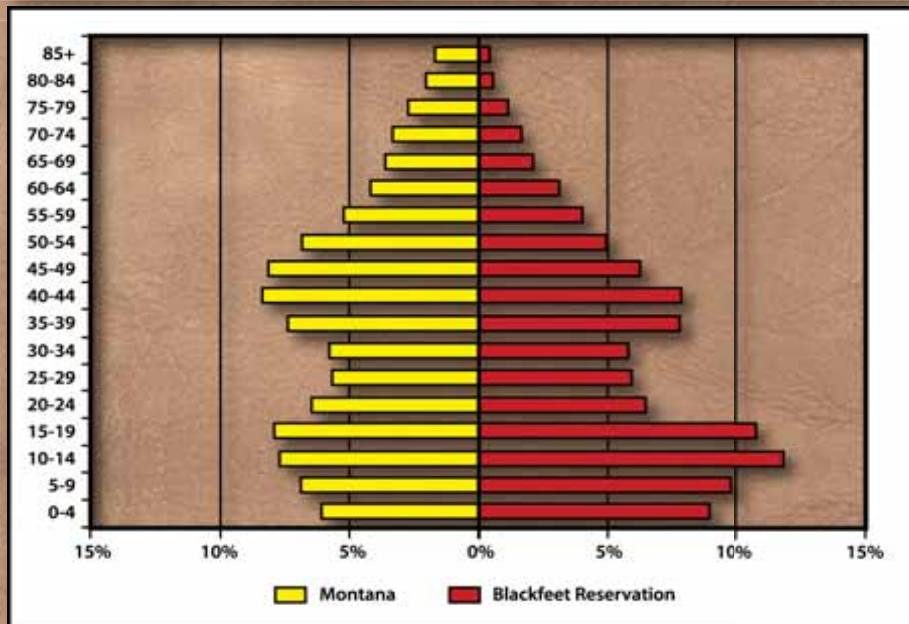
Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indian
Total:	3,146	2,368
Male:	1,581	1,179
Management, professional, and related occupations	541	329
Service occupations	256	231
Sales and office occupations	155	123
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	121	61
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	322	267
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	186	168
Female:	1,565	1,189
Management, professional, and related occupations	708	465
Service occupations	345	287
Sales and office occupations	453	407
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	6	0
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	15	6
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	38	24

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Blackfeet Reservation - Population Pyramid

Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Blackfeet Wage & Salary Employment

Annual Averages 2005

Industry	Average Employment	Average Annual Wages Per Job
Total	2,331	\$28,037
Total Private	543	\$17,966
Goods Producing	67	\$25,837
Mining	37	\$29,031
Support Activities for Mining	37	\$29,031
Service Providing	475	\$16,849
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	158	\$16,204
Retail Trade	154	\$15,667
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	11	\$18,670
Food and Beverage Stores	70	\$19,861
Education and Health Services	32	\$17,167
Leisure and Hospitality	161	\$18,094
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3	\$18,310
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	3	\$18,310
Accommodation and Food Services	158	\$18,089
Other Services	12	\$9,204
Total Government	1,789	\$31,092
Federal Government	383	\$50,700
Local Government	1,405	\$25,743
Local Government Education	635	\$28,917
Local Government Non-Education	770	\$23,126

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. Some sectors are not shown to preserve confidentiality of individual businesses